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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD):  
SITE AND PRESIDENCY

REF: A. ROME 0885, B. STATE 310551

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED QUESTION OF IFAD SITE AND PRESIDENCY  
WITH A.G.D. WHITE, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ECONOMIC ORGA-  
NIZATIONS BRANCH, AND A. KEVIN, ACTING DIRECTOR. U.N. ECONOMIC  
AGENCIES SECTION, BOTH OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. BOTH SAID THAT GOA IS TREATING QUESTIONS OF SITE AND PRESI-  
DENCY AS SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT MATTERS INASMUCH AS PRESI-  
DENCY NOT RPT NOT PERMANENT AND THUS COULD PASS FROM GROUP I  
TO GROUP II AND BACK AGAIN, WHILE SITE, ONCE CHOSEN, WAS PRE-  
SUMABLY FIXED. GOA HAS YET TO MAKE A CHOICE ON EITHER QUESTION,  
ALTHOUGH OF ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES THEY HAD BEEN INCLINED TO  
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LEAN TOWARDS SHIHATA (THIS BEFORE RECEIPT OF REF. A, WHICH WE  
PASSED TO WHITE). WHITE AND KEVEN ASKED US WHY U.S. NOT  
PROMOTING IFAD PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF EDWIN M. MARTIN OF THE  
C.G.F.P.I. AND INDICATED PROBABLY GOA SUPPORT WHOULD WE  
DO SO.

3. WHITE AND KEVEN INDICATED THAT GOA FAVORED PRIN-

CIPLE THAT "TOP MANAGEMENT" SHOULD BE SHARED BY DONOR COUNTRIES.

4. GOA HAS MADE NO CHOICE ON SITE, AS THEY INCLINED TO THINK THAT WHEN AND IF G-44 ANNOUNCES A DECISION THERE WILL BE LITTLE GROUP I COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO DO TO STEM THE TIDE. THEY SUSPECT EVENTUAL G-77 CHOICE WILL BE FOR TEHRAN ALTHOUGH THEY SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT PHILIPPINES HAS NOT THUS FAR THROWN MANILA'S HAT INTO RING.

5. KEVEN AND WHITE FAVOR A DAC SESSION PRIOR TO APRIL PREPCOM TO THRASH OUT QUESTION OF SITE AND PRESIDENCY. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NO REFERENCE AS TO TIMING, THEY WONDER WHY MEETING OF DAC REPS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN A OECD-PARIS CONTEXT. THEY WOULD PREFER TO SEE DAC MEETING ON IFAD HELD IN ROME, WHERE IT GOA BELIEV THAT THERE CURRENTLY HIGHER CONCENTRATION OF EXPERTISE ON QUESTIONS ON IFAD.

6. ACCORDING TO KEVEN, PROCESS OF AUSTRALIAN RATIFICATION OF IFAD IS LIKELY TO BE RATHER TIME-CONSUMING. GOA CAN NOW SIGN IFAD AGREEMENT AFTER SIMPLE REFERRAL TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND NOT FULL CABINET, AND EXPECTS TO DO SO WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS. RATIFICATION, HOWEVER, WILL REQUIRE SPECIFIC LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR AUSTRALIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO IFAD. KEVEN EXPECTS THAT BECAUSE LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE GIVEN PARTICULARLY HIGH PRIORITY, IT WILL NOT BE PASSED UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE PARLIAMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECESSES FOR THE WINTER HOLIDAYS (AROUND JUNE 2). FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO AUTHORIZE FORMAL RATIFICATION OF IFAD. KEVEN THUS DOES NOT EXPECT GOA RATIFICATION UNTIL JUNE OR PERHAPS AS LATE AS AUGUST.

7. KEVEN AND WHITE TOLD EMBOFF THAT THEY RECENTLY HAD RECEIVED FORMAL REPRESENTATION FROM ITALIAN AMBASSADOR WHO STRESSED FOLLOWING TWO POINTS: (1) DESIRABILITY OF ROME AS A PERMANENT SITE FOR IFAD; AND (2) NECESSITY OF A SECRET BALLOT IN VOTING FOR A SITE. ALTHOUGH WITHHOLDING COMMENT ON FIRST POINT, BOTH SAID THEY OF OPINION SECOND POINT HAD GOOD DEAL OF MERIT.

8. WHITE AND KEVEN BOTH INDICATED THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT SPECIFIC U.S. PREFERENCES FOR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND SITE.  
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